

Sinclair Broadcasting's incredible and unbelievable decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. This action that Sinclair Broadcasting Company has taken is an obvious attempt to repay some political debt. It's obvious when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and what's good for one political group's agenda and much less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen local media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.